

new memories the old fashioned way” is their slogan that is in action every day, and I am confident that the park will be enjoyed by families visiting Pennsylvania’s 11th Congressional District for years to come. I wish the Knoebels all the best as they continue to operate a resort where families can go to create lasting memories and share in the spirit upon which the property was founded.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEEN SERVE
CAMP HELPING OUT IN STERLING
PARK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Teen Serve Camp, namely, the 264 teenagers who recently banded together to serve the community in Sterling’s Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park. I would like to personally commend these young volunteers who so selflessly dedicated themselves to providing service and “life-giving” to those in the Loudoun community without asking anything in return. These notable young men and women truly embody the very best of our nation’s values through their service to the community and their commitment to the betterment of others’ lives.

The Teen Serve Camp has increased its services exponentially since its formation in 2011, growing from just 17 teenagers into a total of nearly 1,000 middle and high schoolers. Spending their precious time over summer vacation, students serve their neighbors through various tasks to help raise awareness and funds for local and national charities. The services these campers provide to others extend far beyond the call to action.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Teen Serve Camp in Sterling. I wish them all the best and hope that they remain a positive example of service to the community.

HONORING MS. DENISE KELLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Keller, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Keller completed her Bachelor of Art in Sociology at Sonoma State University, before going on to earn her Social Studies Education Specialist Credential at San Francisco State University. She began her career working as a Special Day Class Teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and then transitioned to working as a Resource Specialist for the Elk Grove Unified School District. In 2004, Ms. Keller joined American Canyon Middle School as a Resource Specialist, and began teaching 6th Grade Social Studies in 2010.

In her classroom, Ms. Keller brings history to life and encourages her students to appreciate the relevance of our past to their lives today. She employs her extensive knowledge of project-based learning to engage her students in the classroom and instill a passion for learning.

Furthermore, Ms. Keller has taken on many new challenges to support students and her colleagues at American Canyon Middle School. She serves as the yearbook advisor, encouraging students’ creativity and leadership. Ms. Keller also chairs the Social Studies Department and is the 6th Grade Team Leader, coordinating and supporting the work of faculty.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Keller is a dedicated teacher who uses her time and knowledge to inspire young students to strive for excellence, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hanford, California and honor the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of its founding.

The city’s humble beginnings began in 1877 when the Southern Pacific Railway began construction of a rail line which passed through what is now the City of Hanford. Within a short time, and with the railway’s support, Hanford grew from a small settlement to a prominent trading center in the area. Hanford, California was officially incorporated in August of 1891.

Over the course of the past century, Hanford has seen many changes and has faced its fair share of challenges, including fires in 1887 and 1891 which destroyed most of the downtown area. However, because of the determination of its citizens, Hanford would go on to rebuild and thrive. Today, the city boasts over fifty thousand residents, a revitalized and prospering downtown area, and a vibrant and diverse economy.

As a resident of Hanford, I have seen firsthand the sense of community and the willingness to help each other that makes our town a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I am proud to call Hanford my home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the City of Hanford’s one hundred and twenty fifth Anniversary and to wish the community all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO NORA EVERETT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Principal Financial Group, Inc. President of Retirement and Income Solutions Nora Everett for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree

by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Everett has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Nora Everett has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does and her exemplary work with the Principal Financial Group, Inc. She is an integral component of one of Iowa’s largest and most successful employers, building a long and illustrious career with The Principal Financial Group, Inc., based in Des Moines, Iowa. In all aspects of her life, Nora Everett is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nora Everett in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Nora Everett on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Everett a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING BOYER’S FOOD MARKETS
UPON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR 67TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize Boyer’s Food Markets upon the occasion of their 67th Anniversary. Boyer’s is a full service supermarket chain in Northeastern Pennsylvania that provides my constituents with an easy-in easy-out, no hassle experience. Customer service is the foundation of Boyer’s success and the employees pride themselves on personal connections, copying the days when local corner stores knew each customer by name and were as much a part of the community as the people they served.

In 1949, Harold S. Boyer opened his first corner store in Orwigsburg and since then has expanded the chain to 18 stores across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including locations in Hazleton, Elysburg, Berwick, Lykens, and Mt. Carmel within my congressional district. Their famed “Red Shirt Service” takes its name from the red shirt and black pants uniforms that employees wear in order to be visible to shoppers. They pride themselves on providing unique and local service in each store while having the “friendliest, most helpful, and knowledgeable teammates.” Such outstanding service speaks not only to the commitment of the employer, but also to the strength of every